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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Dear Judge Kollar-Kotally,

I adamantly oppose the proposed final judgment in the Microsoft case. All courts, involved with the case, have found Microsoft guilty of violating all anti-trust laws implemented by the Justice Department.

The PFJ basically throws out all previous court findings indicting Microsoft. In other words, Microsoft has been given the green light to continue on with its monopolistic endeavors. I'd like to focus on one fundamental flaw present with in the proposed settlement: For the most part, the proposed final settlement does not sufficiently break up Microsoft. Instead, the settlement allows Microsoft to utilize and leverage its current market position to branch out into other technology markets. Most monopolies in the past, such as Standard Oil, are either broken up or carefully regulated. However in this case, Microsoft is given a full waiver to this rule altogether. Also, a severe reprimand by the Department of Justice will not change Microsoft's present operating methods. Without a doubt, Microsoft will abuse its monopoly position at the expense of others. Unless something drastic is done such as breaking up Microsoft itself, Microsoft will continue to commit egregious offenses. Thus I submit to the Court that the Proposed Final Judgment is a huge mistake.

Best Regards,

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